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SIR:

In response to the election requirement dated April 10, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 301, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 is in order and is respectfully requested.

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